Disposal of pending cases

†*293. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in view of the increasing number of court cases, the Chief Justice of India has also stressed the need to set up more benches of Supreme Court and to increase the number of CBI courts, along with other courts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of pending cases in family courts as well is increasing; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure the rapid disposal of pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHAEDWAJ): (a) The Chief Justice of India has not sent any proposal to the Government for setting up benches of Supreme Court outside Delhi. However, the Chief Justice of India requested the Government to set up 69 additional Special Courts for trial of corruption cases investigated by CBI and a Family Court at least in each District of the country.

(b) and (c) As per the information available, the number of cases pending in courts, including Family Courts, indicate a slightly increasing trend. In order to facilitate rapid disposal of pending cases, Government has increased the sanctioned strength of judges in the High Courts. Government has introduced The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2008 which envisages increase in the Judge strength of the Supreme Court from the present 25 to 30 Judges, excluding the Chief Justice of India. Gram Nyayalayas Bill, 2008 has also been introduced to provide for establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the grass-roots level. Government has also requested the State Government to set up Family Courts in each District. Schemes for Development of Infrastructural Facilities for Judiciary and computerization for all the Courts in the country are also being implemented. Fast Track Courts have been instituted for speedy disposal of long pending Sessions cases and the cases involving undertrials in jails. Alternative modes of disposal including mediation, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. The Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code have been amended and the concept of 'Plea Bargaining' has been introduced.

De-addiction centres at panchayat level

†*294. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for setting up de-addiction centres at gram panchayat level in the country;

(b) if so, the details of de-addiction centres to be established, State-wise and location-wise;

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